Ex-Wife, Kids Eye \$200,000 Jackpot!



WINNER'S SMILE: Ben Hendershott, 41, who lives near Barron lake in Cass county, just east of Niles, seems dazed and happy after winning \$200,000 in Michigan's weekly lottery drawing at Kalamazoo yesterday. Hendershott said he hopes to retire early with his winnings. (AP Wirephoto)

Niles Man Wins State Lottery

Kawneer Worker Plans To Retire At 48

BY STEVE McQUOWN

MILES - First the good news for Ben Hendershott of rural Niles who won \$200,000 in the state's weekly drawing in Kalamazoo yesterday.

It's no dream. You won the \$20,000 a year for the next 10

Now for the not-so-good news. Your former wife claims you are behind in your support payments and is interested in vour sudden wealth.

Hendershott, 41, took the day off from work as a production supervisor at Kawneer in Niles today after cashing in on the top

He lives near Barron lake in Cass county's Howard township, about two miles east of Niles.

Hendershott said in telephone interview that he wants to put the money away for seven years then get out of the daily work routine

He has worked at the Niles firm for 23 years. He said he hopes the company will establish a 30-year retirement plan in the next seven years allowing him to relax and enjoy his winnings.

But his former wife Bernice, 37, who is employed at an upholstery shop in Edwardsburg, has also expressed interest in how the money is

"We've been divorced for about seven years and he is considerably behind in his support payments" of \$156 per month originally ordered by the court, Mrs. Hendershott said

She said there is also current litigation pending in Cass circuit court over custody of the three children now living with Mrs. Hendershott in rural Edwardsburg. Hendershott said he plans to

share his wealth with his children, but not with his former wife. He has not remarried.

James P. Reagan, Cass county's friend of the court, said he has no precedents that would cause an immediate change in court orders for support payments although a petition by Mrs. Hendershott might change the orders.

Other winners in yesterday's lottery drawing were Lillie Maye Johnson, 47, of Saginaw, and Katie Coleman, 19, of Detroit who each won \$50,000.

Winners of \$25,000 each were the Val Club of Madison Heights; Evelyn McKinley, 72, of Spencerville, Ohio; George Sorensen, 51, of Palatine, Ill.; Jack C. Utecht, 34, of Houghton; Walter Gibbs, 60, of Detroit; and Samuel A. Randazzo of Grosse

The \$10,000 winners were Ralph E. Sanderson, 57, Union Lake; Earen Ison, 24, Detroit; and Merle Dushane, 56, of

Smiles And Tears

There were both smiles and tears for Michigan

basketball teams last night. In photo at left, sad

South Haven cheerleaders express sorrow of their

team's 44-42 loss to Three Rivers in high school

Class B regional tournament championship game in

Western Michigan University's Read Fieldhouse at

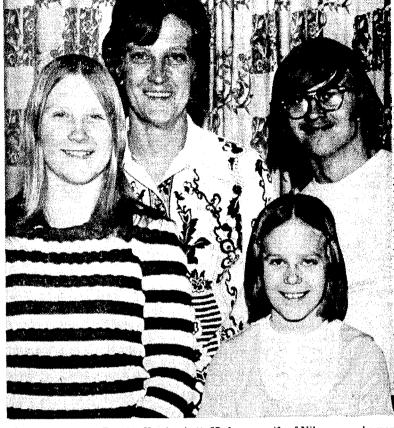
Kalamazoo. In photo above, University of Michigan cheerleaders Pam Davis, left, and Debbie

Connell display pleasure in seeing their team defeat

Notre Dame, 77-68 in the NCAA Mideast Regional

Basketball Championship at Tuscaloosa, Ala. See

stories in sports section. (Photos by Tom Renner



ALL SMILES: Mrs. Bernice Hendershott, 37, former wife of Niles man who won \$200,000 in Michigan lottery yesterday poses with the couple's three children in her home in rural Edwardsburg. At left is Betty, 15, in front is Brenda, 9, and at right is Ben Jr., 18. She said her husband is behind in child support payments and has expressed interest in money he won. (Staff photo)

Milliken Stands By With Gasoline Plan

LANSING, Mich. (AP) -Gov. William Milliken has "odd-even" gasoline rationing plans in readiness but says he is optimistic they won't have to be implemented.

Milliken met Thursday with his top energy advisors and later a snokesman said a decision will be made the middle of next week whether to institute any rationing system.

The governor directed the State Energy Office to order the distribution of about seven million gallons of Michigan's set-aside gas supplies next week to counties with the greatest need. He said the counties should report to him on any

possible shortages.

At a meeting, Milliken's top advisors withheld recommend-"odd-even" because of what the governor called "encouraging signs." These included:

-A telegram from the Federal Energy Office increasing the state's allocation of gasoline slightly. A spokesman for the governor said some checking will have to be done with federal officials to determine how much the increase

-Glowing reports from advisors that voluntary energy conservation efforts in the state have resulted in significant savings already, possibly 15 per cent monthly.

will be.

-Indications by the Federal nergy Office that situation is more favorable this month than in February.

The governor also said an an ticipated end to the Arab oil embargo and efforts by dealers to spread sales evenly over the

month are encouraging signs. Milliken met with Richard Helmbrecht, director of the state Commerce Department; William Rosenberg, chairman of the Public Service Commission; and William Archer, director of the State Energy Of-

They reviewed various contingency plans, including a limited "off-even" mandatory gasoline sales program under which the days motorists could buy gasoline would be determined by the last digits of their license plates.

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16th. Two 40e Sundaes for the price of one. 2513 Niles Ave.,

southeastern Michigan is one area where gasoline shortages have been reported. Washtenaw County, which includes Ann Arbor, was added to Macomb, Oakland and Wayne counties as reported trouble-spots last

These would be the likely spots where "odd-even" rationing would be implemented, if needed, a spokesman for the governor indicated.

A spokesman for Milliken added that shortages toward the end of February were reported

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Cabbie Accused Of Being **Hatless**

BY NICK SMITH Staff Writer

Willie Johnson, a taxi driver, learned something Monday that he will keep under his hat from now on when he is driving: It's illegal to drive a cab without wearing a cap in St.

Johnson, 30, a driver for Twin City Cab Lines, was ticketed for violating the city's taxi ordinance Monday in the 200 block of Wayne street by St. Joseph police. The ticket stated that Johnson, a cab driver, was not wearing a cap.

Thursday in Berrien Fifth District court, Johnson pleaded in nocent to the charge and posted \$200 bond. He lives at 346 Summit street. Benton Harbor. He will be tried later in District court on the charge.

The city ordinance states: "Drivers of taxicabs shall be clean in dress and in person and shall wear a distinctive cap at all times while operating the taxicab."

LMC And Fired Teachers Do Battle In U.S. Court

Staff Writer

GRAND RAPIDS - A suit by 42 fired Lake Michigan college teachers seeking reinstatement and back pay went into its second day of trial here today in U.S. District court.

Attorneys for both sides presented opening arguments and four former teachers testified Thursday before Judge Noel P. Fox. With more plaintiff witnesses expected, and as many as 10 wit-

Danish Airline Crash Kills 37 In Tehran

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) - A Danish airliner carrying 96 persons burst into flames while taking off from Tehran airport today, killing 37 persons and injuring 42, the Iranian government news

It said 17 were unharmed and were taken to hotels

A spokesman for Sterling Airways in Copenhagen said the plane was carrying Scandinavian, French and West German tourists. He said the plane was on charter to Denmark's Tjaereborg Rejser Agency, and was on a refuelling stop before flying on to

trial day may be needed.

The teachers were fired by LMC in March, 1973 after going out on strike. They then filed suit claiming dismissal was improper and violated their rights under the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. The teachers' position, as developed in opening argument Thursday by Atty. Bernard Fieger, was: -Teachers were entitled to hearings before being fired ac-

nesses for Lake Michigan college still to take the stand, a third

cording to provisions of the Michigan Public Employment Rela-

-A written contract with LMC expired in August, 1972 but teachers continued to work under an implied contract. This included a security of employment article that full-status teachers could not be dismissed without a hearing. (Full-status generally is two years of teaching or more.)

-Teachers had a right to life, liberty and property under the 14th Amendment. Their property interest was the expectation of continued employment and they were deprived of this when fired

without a hearing. Atty. Robert Claus, LMC labor counsel, in his argument disagreed with the teachers. He said the employment relations act, which prohibits strikes by public employes, provides posttermination hearings and that these would have allowed a speedy resolution of the plaintiffs' rights.

Claus said the extension of the written 1970-72 contract with teachers was on a day-to-day basis. It could have been terminated

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Enforcement Of 55 MPH Saturday

Enforcement of the 55 mile-an-hour speed limit on Michigan highways starts at 12:01 a.m. Saturday, or a minute after midnight tonight. Enforcement was delayed until March 16 while new limit signs were posted on highways

Lt. Carl Hulander, commander of the Benton Harbor state

police post, said the new limit actually means an increase for some vehicles. Certain types of trucks and passenger vehicles towing trailers were restricted to 50 miles an hour. The new law provides a uniform 55 to all vehicles

Bruce Biossat

Setting Rationing

Story Straight

This is not an argument for or

against gasoline rationing in the present energy crunch, but

merely an attempt to put the

idea in better perspective against the record of govern-

mental and public performance

President Nixon more than

once has said of wartime ra-tioning that it didn't work.

Recently Paul Porter, an of-

ficial involved in the program, said in print that it did, and that

criminal and other deviations

from decreed practice affected

no more than five per cent of

Combing the histories of the

time for domestic economic in-

formation is not as fruitful as

one might imagine. I was into my sixth book before I found the

date when gasoline rationing

took nationwide effect. December, 1942, one whole year

after Pearl Harbor and our

Before that, German U-boat

sinkings of American and other

tankers heading for eastern

ports had forced rationing on

the eastern seaboard in May of

Searching my own memory and that of others who were

veterans of the domestic war-

time scene, I could not

remember anything like the

present-day phenomenon of long

lines of cars at gas stations. But

memories are faulty, of course,

In one wartime text, I found a

picture of a long line crowded

around a Brooklyn gas station

where a single pump was in

operation. The caption noted that "a line of cars was often

seen following tank trucks to the service stations." Admittedly, this was in the hard-hit East.

Generally, the historical

judgment seems to support Porter's printed assertion that

in World War II.

supplies.

entry into war

THE HERALD-PRESS **Editorial Page**

W. J. Banyon, Editor and Publisher Bert Lindenfeld, Managing Editor

Muzzling Public Criticism

enacted four statutes designed to combat pro-French activities by many of Thomas Jefferson's more ardent followers.

These statutes called the Alien and Sedition Acts were part of an effort by President Washington to steer the fledgling country on a neutral course between England and France which had entered upon the 15-year period historians refer to as the Napoleonic Wars.

Acts almost tripled the residency requirement for naturalization, gave the President sweeping authority to deport aliens and conferred a wide ranging authority to arrest anyone attacking the govern-

Scores of Jefferson's followers were put behind bars.

The Acts proved so unpopular as to set the state for Jefferson's election as President and to give his party control in Congress. Jefferson's Congressional allies repealed the Acts in 1801 and he pardoned everyone imprisoned under

Mindful of that police state experience, the courts have followed a lenient attitude toward the utterance of the printed or spoken word directed toward public personages in the vein of Harry Truman's celebrated com-ment, "If you can't take the heat, get out of the kitchen.

This protection against libel and slander hit its apogee 10 years ago in the case of Sullivan vs. The New York

The Times published a full page advertisement from a civil rights group accusing Atlanta's police chief of every crime in the book.

The U.S. Supreme Court in a 6-3 decision exonerated The Times from any damage claim.

The majority said the newspaper did not actually know the advertisement contained untruths nor did it display a reckless disregard of whether the statements might be questionable.

The minority opinion went one step further. It urged absolute immunity for circulating a falsehood against a public personage. The public's right to know what is going on outweighs any damage to the individual, the minority reasoned.

The decision canceled the older judicial view that a false statement implies by its very utterance. Henceforth, said the Court, the politico must show his critic pretty much knew he was peddling an untruth.

Stung by the free wheeling com-mentary spawned by Watergate and

column "Up and Down Wall Street,"

Barron's author Alan Abelson often

finds offbeat humor in the activities of

the bears and bulls. He takes this

humorous look at world events in the

needed them most, our British cousins

A crowd outside the courthouse jeers

former Nixon associates arriving for

arraignment. Isn't it nice to see folks

honoring the American doctrine that a

man must be considered innocent until

THE HERALD-PRESS

'Perfidious Albion! Just when we

March 4 issue of Barron's:

Innocent Till--

proven guilty.

Having A Little Fun

With The Stock Market

trying to rally some support in a hostile Congress, the Administration has instructed the Justice Department to frame a statute to maneuver around the ruling which Nixon calls a license

This legislative tinkering would attempt to spell out what the Court thus far has not detailed to be a "reckless disregard" for truth and veracity.

Normally such an approach would find favor because politicos hold a very strong bipartisan belief against outsiders exposing the former's under-

Also the spirit of fair play and the duty of responsible conduct are involved.

This is not the best season for incumbency, however, thanks to Watergate, and whether the present Congress would dare any such extrication is a guessing game in itself.

Fairly soon the Supreme Court is expected to rule on a Florida right to reply statute.

The defendants are several Florida newspapers who refused to print a Letter To Ye Ed from a Congressional candidate being lambasted from all sides. The plaintiff lost the election, he claims, because of the calumnies circulated against him.

The Florida state courts sustained the local law which is a newspaper version of the fairness doctrine the FCC requires of radio and TV stations broadcasting material personally castigating an individual's character or integrity

Even the FCC has expressed some doubts recently as to the efficacy and desirability of its rule, and a move of sorts is under way to repeal or substantially amend it.

A number of states, mostly in the South, have had statutes similar to Florida's on their books for years.

Basically, they were part of a package to keep the Negro in his place, a program now outlawed by civil rights legislation and court decisions.

The Florida contest is something of a rare dusting off of this dubious legislation.

Equally dubious is the White House maneuver to get in ahead of the Supreme Court deliberations on the Florida statute which for practical purposes is a gag law.

People spread some terrible tales about Harry, but he survived his cri-

There is too much artificiality in politics as it is without the of-ficeholders trying to build fences

No Shortage Here



GLANCING BACKWARDS

CROSSING LIGHT IS A REALITY - 1 Year Ago -

The new pedestrian crossing light on Lake boulevard near Park street in St. Joseph went to work yesterday after youngsters were briefed on its operation. For Mrs. Robert Dolsen, 725 Lake street, St. Joseph, when the signal halted traffic so school children could cross the street, six months of research and development came to a successful end.

The project started last Oct. 3 when the Washington school PTO passed a motion authoriz-ing a study of the possibility of posting a crossing guard where youngsters living below the bluff cross Lake boulevard on way to Washington school. Mr. and Mrs. Dolsen were named co-chairmen. Mrs. Dolsen did most of the research, contacting St. Joseph Police Chief Tom Gillespie and Robert Strumpfer, executive director of the Twin Cities area safety council.

MISS ST. JOE IS CHOSEN - 10 Years Ago

The dark leveliness of Marie Antoinette (Toni) Pfauth stood out in a field of 27 contestants Saturday night, March 14, to capture the crown of "Miss St. seph of 1964." Toni, a favorite of the audience from the start of the contest, gracefully glided through the stiff competition for almost three hours.

Overwhelmed by tears when last year's queen, Kathleen Ellsworth, presented her with the bouquet of white roses, Toni could only murmur, "I don't believe it." A senior at St. Joseph high school, the 17year-old is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Pfauth, 117

> BOARD OKAYS TURNING BASIN - 35 Years Ago -

The rivers and harbors committee has agreed to recommend to the house of representatives at Washington, D.C., the authorization of a turning basin in the St. Joseph harbor at an estimated cost of \$74,000, it was learned here today.

A turning basin large enough and deep enough to accommodate the largest lake-going vessel has been approved by army engineers and the rivers and harbors committee. A site on the north side of the St. Joseph river is favored for the proposed turning basin. The property is now owned by the Big Four railroad. The site must be procured by local interests, either through direct purchase or condemnation

LEAVES LAKE VIEW

- 45 Years Age -J.W. (Billie) Collins, who has been employed as clerk and assistant to William A. Walker manager of the Lake View hotel for the past eight years, has turned in his resignation to be effective April 1. He will enjoy a several weeks' vacation trip.

> SCHOOL EXPANDS – 55 Years Ago –

Quietly and without heralding the Chicago Junior school, a home and farm school for boys, slipped into St. Joseph a year and a half ago and became established on a beautiful Royalton Heights farm overlooking the river. Today the school has so far outgrown the present buildings that in May a campaign will be waged for \$250,000 to erect model buildings. The school has 150 acres of fine farm land and stretches of woodland on the bank of the

NEAR PROSPERITY

One of the greatest gatherings was held last evening when 200 citizens attended a mass meeting sponsored by the St. Joseph Improvement association. Through its officers, the association explained how this organization is boosting the city. Urging citizens to stand together and pull for the interests of St. Joseph, Hon. John W. Fletcher took charge of the meeting. Fletcher took charge of the meeting and in a ringing address declared that the city is on the eve of a new era of prosperity.

rationing, when belatedly put

proclaims. But the cheaters and big-play crooks did get into the act. In Brooklyn, authorities turned up

into national effect, worked well

not badly as the President

one cache of counterfeit gasoline ration stamps sufficient to last four-million people a month.

Life magazine's U.S. history series states, furthermore, that "no single restriction was taken with worse grace, for most people had long since forgotten how to move about without an automobile." This is a comment, mind you, on a period when we had only a fourth as many vehicles on the road as today, and when public transportation by rail, bus and street car system was far more widespread than now

The late Robert Sherwood playwright and later aide to Franklin D. Roosevelt, wrote that Americans were "loudly reluctant to cut down on their normal consumption of red meat and gasoline. .

Right now Richard Nixon has few defenders in any field except foreign policy, and even there most of the kudos go to Secretary of State Henry Kissinger. But the record shows that Nixon's reluctance to introduce rationing, often heavily assailed, was well matched by FDR in World War II.

It has been recalled that, except for the East Coast oil crunch, rationing of gasoline in the big war was seen primarily as a means of dealing with a critical rubber shortage stemming from the Japanese cutoff of U.S. supplies of natural rubber and the almost sandalous slowness with which we created an offsetting synthetic rubber program. Tires were rationed, and were in such short supply they could not even be

Marianne Means

Rift Runs Deep 🥻 In Abortion Fight

WASHINGTON - The pending constitutional amendment to overturn the Supreme Court decision and make abortion a crime again is not likely to be passed any time soon.

That was the message that emerged after two days of hearings on the controversial issue, last week, before a Senate Judiciary Subcommittee. The Senate sessions merely confirmed that abortion is an inemotional and complicated question involving theology, medical knowledge,

and basic human rights. It is not, in short, an easy subject to legislate, particularly when that legislation must challenge the wisdom of the Supreme Court.

The hearings were devoted to airing religious views on abortion, some of which are so dogmatic as to defy compromise There will be subsequent hearings that go into medical and legal questions surrounding the rights, if any, of a fetus.

It will all take a long time, and the subcommittee chairman, Sen. Birch Bayh, is in no hurry. He is known to believe that this issue is so serious and so fundamental to human conduct, it deserves no less study than the Equal Rights Amendment — which took 48 years to

achieve. Even the Republican-Conservative Sen. James L. Buckley from New York, sponsor of the major amendment to forbid abortion, has recommended 'extensive hearings.

The political as well as moral difficulty faced by legislators was dramatized by the ap-Catholic cardinals. It was the first time in history that four cardinals had testifled together before a Congressional body. and few women of child-bearing age are likely to forget it, regardless of their religion.

The cardinals told the subcommittee that Congress must pass a law dictating that an unborn fetus cannot be sacrificed to save the life of a breathing person. They insisted that abortion must be prohibited under any condition, even if it is necessary to save the life of the

(The Catholic church decided in 1869 that the embryo is ensouled at the moment of conception, and therefore abortion is murder, although in early centuries it did not presume to know when life became personal within the womb. Most Protestant churches do not accept this view.)

The cardinals saw no contradiction in their position that it is wrong to prevent a birth but perfectly all right to condemn to death a living person, when the means are available to save her. Women's liberationists have suggested sarcastically that this discrepancy in Catholic theology may be related to the fact that the person whose life is less important than that of a fetus is female, while the fetus could be male.

WILL STUDY NO FAULT LANSING, Mich. (AP) - The Michigan House has voted to

establish a special committee to study the effects of the state's no-fault auto insurance law.

EDITOR'S MAILBAG

MEETS AN

Last week I met a very honest person. Her name is Nancy Skorupa of Coloma.

I was having a moving sale and she purchased a sewing machine from me. But in the confusion that can exist at such a sale, she forgot to give me the check and I didn't realize it until later. We both knew that I didn't know her name, so she could have had a sewing machine free of charge. However, that evening she discovered the check in her checkbook and called me explaining the situtation and subsequently sent the check to

A small, insignificant hanpening? Maybe it seems so, but when the evil in our world often seems so strong it is a good reminder that "truth will prevail." Nancy Skorupa, I thank you!

Mrs. Sandy Boyle Benton Harbor

THANKS FROM GEM SOCIETY

Editor,

Many thanks to you and your staff, especially Mrs. Arlys Derrick of the Women's Department, for the fine publicity which helped make our fifth annual gem and mineral show a great success. During the six hours Sunday "Gems in Blossomland" saw over 2,200 people visit our display.

Thanks, too, to the many people who came to see our show. We are already looking for ways to make more space and make it easier for you to see the displays. We hope to see all of you next year. Mrs. Richard Miller

Publicity chairman Blossomland Gem and Mineral Society

FAVORS USE OF PICTURES

Editor. Re: Martha Anton's letter of

March 12, "Picture In Bad Since this area has had several bad and tragic fires in

recent months, (the most recent taking 3 innocent children's lives), all due to parental neglect, I for one feel if the printing of those pictures would cause some parent to think twice before leaving children unsupervised, they were worth the printing. I'm sure most mothers

recoiled at the sight of that dead baby, but perhaps there were some mothers that were also out that night, and other nights. leaving their children unsupervised, who seeing those pictures could say, "But for the grace of God those could have been MY

Visual education has been proven far more effective than words alone. In most driver education classes pictures are shown of many accident scenes "before the ambulance arrives." They aren't pleasant to see, but they are shown so that the viewers might know the facts in a real sense of what can and will happen if driving laws are not respected.

I'm sure the printing of those sad pictures were not for any "bad taste" intent. I hope and pray all parents got the real message

Mrs. Artene Wagoner Berrien Springs

CHALLENGES CLAIM

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. (AP) - Raoul Berger, a Harvard University expert on impeachment, has sharply challenged the claim by President Nixon's lawyers that impeachment must be based on an indictable offense.

BERRY'S WORLD

"You know, Abdul, I think we may be getting soft. What

we need is a shortage of something!

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Win or lose, the stock market is or- failed to do their bit to keep the old dinarily a serious business. In his market rolling, Faced with the choice between Mr. Heath and Mr. Wilson. they unhesitatingly voted 'no!' Hyperbole, of course, is the meat on which politicians (over there, as well as here) feed. So we expect that some of the more hairy planks in the Socialist platform will remain on the shelf. But to Wall Street, as witness last Friday's reaction, a Labor government is John Bull with horns...

'Now we shouldn't be nasty to the British. There was, after all, a bit of what might be termed 'political' news closer to home that might have caused a trifle of uneasiness among investors. We mean the indictment of a considerable segment of what used to be, in Street parlance, the upper tier of the Administration. Or, to switch to the argot of the nation's other big gaming area, Las Vegas, Jaworski got rolling and came up seven...

'We're not privy to the thoughts of Dr. Burns and company. But we might point out that the economy is growing a bit green around the edges and that, even more important, this is an election year. Given those circumstances. the Fed could opt to exert its independence and shun the patch of expedience. Always possible, of course, Just as it's always possible the Shah of Iran will lower the price of his crude to \$1 a barrel..."

'In truth, the market took the news from Britain and Fun City rather well. For the moment, anyway, the darn thing looks like it still wants to go up.

We Believe It

Scientists view wind as an inexhaustible energy source. Considering the amount there'll be in this fall's campaigns alone, we believe it.

Suburbs Say Sewer Pipeline Bill 'Too High'

Staff Writer

The Lake Michigan Shoreline Water and Sewage Treatment authority last night rejected the contractor's \$2.68 million final price tag for Hickory creek sewer interceptor south of St. Joseph.

The price by Yerington & Harris, Inc., of Benton Harbor, is far too high, said St. Joseph township Supervisor Orval Benson. Authority members voted unanimously to turn it down.

The price tag, apparently driven up by the need for extra piling and pile cap to support the line through swampy ground, next goes to the Berrien county board of public works (BPW). Authority

recommendations are not binding on the BPW. Engineer Joseph D. Craigmile presented the contractor's final tabulation for the virtually-complete sewer line with the en-

gineers' recommendation.
"This is \$515,000 more than we ever agreed to pay," Benson

Final price for the seven-mile-long sewer line, begun in 1969. was contained in Change Order No. 19 presented to the authority last night for approval at St. Joseph township hall.

The change order states an original contract price of \$1.565,726. sets out \$670,680 in change order 1 through 18, and fixes a total amount then of \$2,237,406. Change Order 19 itself contained another \$444,339 in contractor labor and material, including \$332,082 for piling and pile cap to support sewer pipe in swampy ground along Hickory creek

Benson noted the original estimated contract price of \$1.5 million and a negotiated extra estimated at \$661,300 in saying

Change Order 19 set the final price too high. Chairman Robert DeVries last night asked Craigmile why his firm's estimates of piling and cap fell far short of those in the final

"I'm just like you," Craigmile said in part. "I rely on the

so the engineer and contractor tried a limited amount and found it wouldn't work, he said.

Yerington & Harris, one of two bidders and the low bid, won the job in 1969 with a contract price of \$1.5 million based on fixed prices for estimated amounts of labor and materials. The contractor began work, walked off the job in 1971, and returned to work 10 months later for an estimated extra \$661,300 for different construction materials and methods.

That made the contractor's price about \$2.2 million. But the final price last night, \$2.68 million, was the result of

change orders along the way plus a third of a million dollars for piling and pile can

(After the contractor walked off the job, the BPW offered the remaining 6 miles of sewer line in August, 1971, and received construction bids of \$3.9 to \$4.4 million. The BPW resumed negotiations with the contractor and the firm eventually returned to

The final price tag, Craigmile reported, was the result of negotiation between engineer and contractor, plus field measurements of materials used and a check of billing and payment records.

The final price tag is a prelude to BPW application for final state-federal inspection and grants, he said.

The engineers' certificate shows the contractor has already been paid \$2,406,812, less any amounts not paid for lack of cash at the BPW or its retention of 10 per cent pending completion of the

The interceptor sewer runs from south St. Joseph to the Village of Stevensville over 7 miles of Hickory creek, serving the village and townships of St. Joseph and Lincoln.

Craigmile also reported that Sanitary Engineer Fred Eyer of the Department of Natural Resources will be here March 26 to inspect the sewer line and meet the following day with the BPW at the

BUS OWNER FAVORS DIAL-A-RIDE



JOSEPH R. MAMMINA

LANSING. Mich. (AP) - A

hearing examiner for the

Michigan Financial Institutions

Bureau says it should be six to

eight weeks before he makes a

recommendation on an applica-

tion to put a new bank in St.

Examiner Larry Esckilsen is

presiding over hearings in

which Old Kent Bank and Trust

Corp., headquartered in Grand

Rapids, is trying to establish the

The application is being op-

Attorney Wilbur Brucker of

Detroit, who represents four

other area banks, said in an in-

terview Thursday that there are

'very competitive banks in the

Bringing in a new bank, es-

pecially one by such a large

holding company, he said,

Attorney Joseph Neath of

Grand Rapids, who represents

Old Kent. however, said his

bank would not destroy any

Brucker represents the only

bank now in St. Joseph, Peoples

State Bank, as well as three

other area banks - the Inner

City Bank of Benton Harbor, the

Old Kent Bank of St. Joseph.

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competition."

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Mammina Would Like To Sell To System, Then Run It

By SCOTT WILLIAMSON Staff Writer

The owner of the lone bus company in Benton Harbor and St. Joseph says he is in favor of the Twin Cities getting the proposed Dial-A-Ride (DART) bus system.

"I'm all for DART," said Joseph R. Manimina, owner of Twin Cities Motor Transit Co. "but before it comes in something should be done with Twin Cities Motor Transit."

The Twin Cities have already been selected as a site for the new DART system, which picks

Farmers and Merchants Na-

tional Bank of Benton Harbor,

State Bank of Coloma and the

Brucker said the whole area

should be considered in connec-

tion with the establishment of

now are enough banks in the

Brucker said Benton Harbor,

which has an estimated 17,000

population, and St. Joseph, with

11,000, have lost a total of 3,000

population since 1970. He also

said unemployment in the Ben-

ton Harbor area is about 18 per

thought it could make money.

cities may have lost population,

not. He said Old Kent considers

southwestern Lower Michigan

banking business has been

taken elsewhere from the area.

filed its original application, the

banks in the area became more

aggressive in seeking business.

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Ponders New

Bank For SJ

takes them to their destination

for a 50 cent charge.

The Benton Harbor city commission has stated it is in favor of DART, while the St. Joseph city commission has taken no formal stand.

Mammina said he would like to have DART buy his bus company, and he would be willing to run the DART system.

"As it stands now, I'd like to see DART buy me out," Mammina stated. "Then there wouldn't be any competition. I can't compete with DART."

DART would force him to close if he was not compensated for his bus line, he said.

"I'm going to go broke if DART comes in. I'd have to close because I couldn't meet the expenses involved," Mam-

"If somebody will pick you up at your door, you're not going to walk to a bus stop.?'

Mammina charges a fare of 60 cents to ride each route, plus another 15 cents if a passenger transfers from one route to another. DART says it will charge 50 cents for anywhere in the Twin Cities.

Mammina said he would like to run the DART system here if arrangements could be made for his bus line to be purchased, with the option that he could buy it back if the DART system should fail.

He said, however, that he hasn't talked to anyone about the purchase of his bus line as "it's up to them to make the first move."

Mammina owns 14 buses, which he said are valued at about \$56,000, and employs 11 persons. Until recently, the future looked dim.

Brucker said a large company "Financially the city bus line coming into the area could afhas not been producing enough ford to take losses. Neath, revenue." he said, so money has however, said his bank would been filtered from his charter not go into the area unless it bus service to help support the city bus line. While the two neighborhing

bus line has experienced an up-Neath said the entire area has surge in riders recently, and attributes it to the gasoline

Grass Fire Quelled

Benton township firemen Thursday afternoon extinguished a grass fire at 1356 Pipestone road. Firemen said the grass was ignited by trash

"I think (the city bus line) will show a profit by the end of the fiscal year," Mammina stated.

He said he expects to take in about \$45,000, with operating costs figured at about \$40,000. He also noted revenues have increased because of a 10 cent fare increase which took effect last month.

Mammina's buses follow a number of routes connecting Benton Harbor and St. Joseph, and additional routes to parts of Benton township, St. Joseph township, and Fairplain

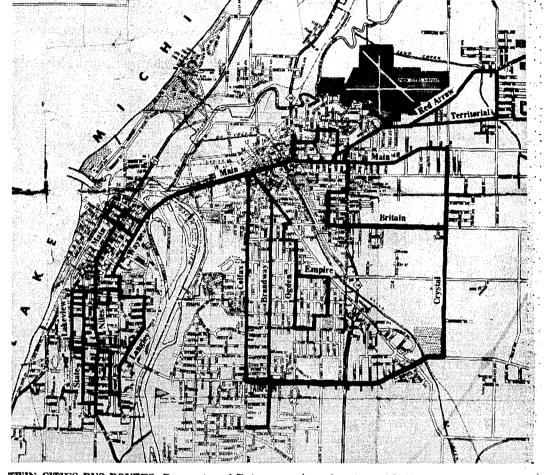
One route between the cities from 7:20 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Another route goes from downtown Benton Harbor to the Plaza from 8 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. once an hour, with buses leaving Benton Harbor on the hour.

An additional route leaves downtown Benton Harbor on the half-hour from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. for Benton Heights.

A fourth route covers the area from downtown Benton Harbor to Colfax and Napier, then to the Benton Harbor post office every two hours, beginning at 8:30

One route goes from the Four Corners to the Plaza via Berrien Homes and the social services



TWIN CITIES BUS ROUTES: Bus routes of Twin Cities Motor Transit are outlined in black on map of Benton Harbor and St. Joseph. Buses operate on

number of routes, with fare of 60 cents on each route. An additional 15 cent charge is assessed for

Fairplain Shopping Mall Wins **Blessing Of Benton Planners**

BY SCOTT WILLIAMSON

Benton township got the goahead from Benton township planners last night.

The proposal must still be approved by the township board of trustees, but one of the developers said if all goes well the first stores could open in late 1975 or early 1976.

Approved was a request by the Meyer C. Weiner Co. of Illinois to rezone some 200 acres of a 300-acre tract from residential to commercial. The property is located between Pipestone road, I-94, Napier avenue, and Fairplain Plaza.

The remaining portion of land is already zoned commercial.

Robert Nametz, chairman of the land use committee, said the plans submitted for the mall by the developers were "sound" in their planning of roads, drains, and the shopping mall itself. Beniamin H. Rabin.

representing the Weiner Co., said plans for the mall call for between 500,000 and 600,000 square feet enclosed under the roof. He said malls of the type planned usually have two major

Richard E. Bailey, of the Oak Brook, Ill., architectural firm of Jensen & Jensen, called the location "the best site I've ever seen.'

An audience of more than 40 persons jammed the planning commission chambers for the public hearing. Rabin declined to comment

how much the mall would cost. and after the meeting also declined to state the price his company will pay the V-M Corp., which now owns the land.

Bailey said many malls constructed now are built in splitlevel fashion, and "the contour of this land allows for this." He said the mall itself is the "first and foremost" goal, with additional buildings constructed

later. He noted businesses such as restaurants, theaters, banks, offices, motels, and housing are "attracted to a shopping center of this size '

He also said the developers would like to build access roads around the mall, build a Napier extension that would run straight into the mall area, and perhaps a road from M-139 to

second shopping center to be proposed in the Twin City area in recent months. The other is proposed for St. Joseph township, near I-94 and Niles road interchange.

Questions from the audience were principally concerned with how Berrien mall would affect drainage in surrounding areas and taxes.

Bailey said a drainage system will be installed, possibly with run-off water going into Ox creek. He also said steps would be taken to insure that drainage for surrounding properties would not worsen, and said it could become better.

Planning Commission Chairman James Benson told the audience the mall would "have no bearing on your taxes." Rabin noted, however, that a

for 1974-75 school year.

known as Berrien Mall. It is the proposed usually generates four times more taxes than what it uses in police and fire protection and other services.

> Commented Bailey on the rezoning: "We still have a long way to go - this (hearing) is to free-up the site." Rabin did not say when construction would start if the request is approved. but said the mall could open in late 1975, and added "construction starts at least a year ahead

In other business, the commission referred to committee a request by Atty. Carl R. Burdick to rezone property at Napier and Union street, owned by H. Paul and Marjorie Florin,

from residential to commercial. Leath-Newland Furniture Co. wants to buy the land as a new location for its store which is presently in downtown Benton



Later in the meeting, Benson

said he didn't feel there is any

need for further commercial

zoning along Napier from M-139

to Colfax avenue. "Any rezoning

(in that area) should be studied

Planners also tabled a request

from Ewald Kissinger, of 1180

Rocky Gap road, to rezone

property at 1180 North Shore

drive from single family to

multiple. Planners said plans

for apartments on the property

were submitted too late for

carefully," he said.

APPOINTED: Dale O. Jeffers, St. Joseph, has been appointed chairman of a committee which will review the programs and staff services of Hemophilia of Michigan which is a member agency of United Way of Michigan. The review will be done prior to UWM's annual budget conference to be held April 30, May 1 at Kellogg Center, Michigan State Univer-

Plan Would Cut Size Of BH Commission

The Benton Harbor city charter commission last night instructed its attorney to draft a charter provision that would reduce the number of city commissioners from nine to seven. The commission's action followed a vote last week to include

a strong mayor form of government in a proposed charter for submission to the voters

Under the new plan, there would be seven city commis-

sioners, plus the mayor. There are now eight commissioners

BH Board Meets Monday

Benton Harbor board of education will hold a special meeting

The meeting is for routine conformance with the state tenure act

which requires that teachers must receive 60 days notice and ad-

ministrators 90 days if they are not going to be re-employed. The meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. in Bierman library at senior high.

Monday to act on re-employment of teachers and administrators

The mayor now has a vote, just like a regular commissioner. Under a new form that will be drafted by Atty. David Morris, the mayor apparently would have no vote but could have veto

Announcement of the sale was made by Charles A. Jewell, who with two partners, started Manufacturers Rubber Supply in 1953 and became sole owner in 1960. Jewell will remain as a consultant. Scowcroft formerly was president of H. Scoweroft Co. and later manager of Scoweroft Division, Weil McLain Co. of Benton Harbor. He said Manufacturers Rubber Supply will retain same staff of 14 and serving area industry with rubber, plastics, hose fittings and associated products. Headquarters building covers 20,000 square feet. An 8,000 square-foot

SUPPLY FIRM CHANGES HANDS: Alan Scowcroft (right) is welcomed as new

owner of Manufacturers Rubber Supply, Inc., 815 Lester, St. Joseph, by three

sales representatives, (from left) Mike Haas, David Krieger and Al Beezley.

addition was erected in 1972. (Staff Photo) Commence of the control of the contr

New Schedule Set For Polio Vaccinations

Program To Begin Monday In Van Buren Schools

By GARRETT DeGRAFF Paw Paw Bureau

PAW PAW - A revised schedule for a free polio vaccination program to be held in Van Buren county schools was announced by the county health department yesterday.

Under the new schedule, the program will begin Monday, March 18, in South Haven schools and end Thursday, March 28, in Go-

The program was originally set for March 13-22.

The health department recommends that all children between ages 1 and 18 have at least three doses of oral vaccine against polio for adequate protection.

Vaccinations against measles and rubella (German measles) will also be available, according to the department.

The complete schedule of the vaccination program follows: Monday, March 18 - South Haven L. C. Mohr high school, 9

a.m.: South Haven Central school, 1 p.m. Tuesday, March 19 - South Haven Lincoln school, 9 a.m.;

Covert high school, 1 p.m.; Covert elementary, 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 20 — Bangor high school, 8 a.m.; Bangor junior high, 10 a.m.; Bangor elementary, 12:30 p.m.; Bangor

middle school, 2:30 p.m.
Thursday, March 21 — Hartford south elementary, 8:30 a.m.; Hartford north elementary, 9:45 a.m.; Hartford high school, 11

a.m.; Hartford middle school, 1 p.m. Friday, March 22 — Lawrence elementary, 8:45 a.m.; Lawrence high school, 10 a.m.; Decatur lower elementary, 1 p.m.; Decatur high school, 2 p.m.

Monday, March 25 - Lawton middle school, 8:30 a.m.; Lawton elementary, 9:15 a.m.; Lawton high school, 10:30 a.m.; Mattawan elementary, 1 p.m.

Tuesday, March 26 - Decatur upper elementary, 9 a.m.; Mat-

tawan middle school, 1 p.m.; Mattawan high school, 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 27 — Paw Paw Michigan avenue, 8 a.m.; Paw Paw Black River, 9 a.m.; Paw Paw Cedar street, 1 p.m.; Paw Paw Michigan avenue (5 and 6), 2:30 p.m.
Thursday, March 28 — Bloomingdale elementary, 9 a.m.;

Bloomingdale high school, 10:30 a.m.; Gobles high school, 1 p.m. The health department began preparation for the polio vaccination program after a survey of county children indicated on 55



CONDEMNED CASS DUMP: This is photo of Cass county landfill site on Anderson road in Milton township that Cass county board Tuesday ordered to be closed in 10 days. Area residents told board of alleged odors, rat infestation and other complaints

Fire Ruins Niles Salvage Yard Building

NILES - Fire of undetermined origin destroyed a large building housing Ham the Wrecker salvage company, US-31 South in

Niles township early this morning.

Firemen and equipment from at least nine fire departments in Michigan and Indiana were pressed into service in a successful fight to confine the fire to the cement block and metal building. Sparks from the blaze during the height of the fire were blown toward gasoline storage tanks about a quarter of a mile away, touching of fears among area residents of a possible major catas-

Damage to the firm was estimated by firemen in the tens of thousands of dollars..

The blaze reported at 12:15 a.m. had a good start before firemen arrived. Flames, fanned by an easterly wind, spread through the building, feeding on paneling and other building materials which packed the structure. Repeated explosions were heard as containers of propane gas or other flammable liquids blew up from the intense heat inside.

The building measuring about 75 by 225 feet, had a metal roof supported by laminated wooden beams from the old Notre Dame

All that was left of the structure after the fire was brought under control was the rear portion of the roof and the outside shell of concrete blocks.

Firemen said the blaze started in the front of the building and was discovered by a passing motorist.

During the height of the blaze—burning embers were blown

across the night sky, leaving trails of sparks as they drifted

Anxious residents located between the burning building and large gasoline storage tanks in "Tank Town", less than a quarter mile to the west, kept telephones at police stations busy as they

checked repeatedly on progress of the fire. Burning embers fro

the fire were blown in the direction of the storage tanks. Piles of scrap and surplus materials stored in a large area around the building were not damaged by the blaze, according to

Units responding to the alarm included Niles township, Bertrand township, Edwardsburg, Howard township, and Morris Farms in Michigan, and the townships of Clay, German, Harris

and Penn in Indiana Firemen were still at the scene at daybreak hosing down the still

South Haven To Shun Suit Against I&M

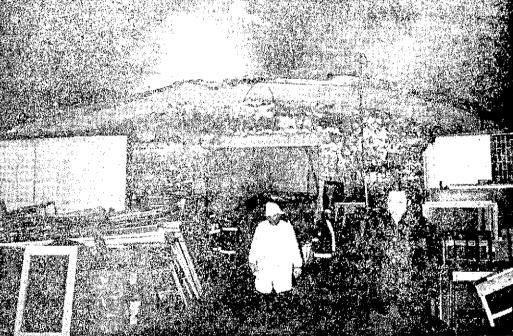
By TOM RENNER

South Haven Correspondent SOUTH HAVEN - South Haven will not join several other Michigan and Indiana communities who purchase wholesale electricity from the Indiana & Michigan Electric company in filing a federal anti-trust suit against the firm.

The South Haven board of public works, meeting in special session test night, voted not to pursue the suit upon recommendation of City Atty, William Verdonk.

Wyatt Mick, attorney for City of Mishawaka, Ind., invited South Haven to join his community and 15 other Michigan and Indiana towns in the suit, alleging that I & M is systematically trying to put public untilities out of business

Verdonk said South Haven should wait on considering the anti-trust suit until a rate increase hearing before the Federal Power commission is settled.



NILES FIRM DESTROYED: Fire destroyed Ham the Wrecker salvage company, US-31 South in Niles townhip, early this morning. Flames from blaze

could be seen for several miles as firemen and equipment from at least nine departments were pressed into service. (Staff photo)

Galien Announces **Top Two Scholars**

GALIEN - Robert Green and been selected as the top two scholars of graduating Galien high school seniors.

Car Parts Worth \$714 Are Stolen

BUCHANAN - Engine and automotive parts worth an estimated \$714 were reported stolen from a garage belonging to William Miller on Victory street. Buchanan police said

Police said the reported theft apparently occurred late Wednesday night or early Thursday

Among items taken, police related, were a four-speed transmission, a shifter, a point system, three-barrel carburetor and a tachometer.

School officials said Green. cumulated a grade-point-average of 3.88 and Miss Howard, the salutatorian, an average of 3.84 over four years of high school scholastic work. A grade-point-average of four

Green, the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Green of Gardiner road in Galien, plans to attend Michigan State university and major in computer engineering.

Miss Howard, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward D. Howard of Karen drive in Galien, plans to attend Ferris state college and major in medical records administra-

Green participated in football, was a member of the National Society and was president of the student council in his junior year.

Miss Howard was active in band, was junior class president and is currently president of the National Honor Society among other activities.

South Haven Lions Club Will Hold

Smorgasbord March 30 At Mai Kai



ROBERT GREEN



PAULA HOWARD

Gasoline Picture Improves

DETROIT (AP) -- An Automobile Club of Michigan gasoline will be better this weekend than it was a week

'Apparently additional gasoline supplies earmarked for Michigan this month by the federal government have had an impact," said Joseph Ratke, an impact, said social.

Auto Club touring manager.

Auto Club's "fuel

The Auto Club's "fuel gauge" survey of 300 service stations on the state's main highways showed 42 per cent would be operating Sunday compared to 37 per cent last Sunday.

"Our survey further showed that only three per cent of highway stations are closed due to no gas," Ratke said, "which is about the same percentage as last week.

Ratke said that while motorists would continue to find fnel supplies below normal in most southern Michigan urban centers, gasoline remained abundant in most areas north of a line from Bay City to

Scout Project

DETROIT (AP) - The good deeds of a Boy Scout troop were undone when vandals ripped up more than 12 tons of clothing and smashed boxes of toys being readied for distribution to eas-

Scouts from Troop 586 had been sorting through 30 tons of shredded clothing and broken toys for the past week salvaging the usable items for distribution to Ottawa Indians.

Civil War Soldier's Letter Arrives After 110-Year Journey

ROYAL OAK, Mich. (AP) - A letter mailed 110 years ago from a Civil War soldier to a Michigan acquaintance has turned up in this suburb at a senior citizens home

Royal Oak Pustmaster Walter T. Ashton could give no explanation for the delayed delivery, except to theorize it had fallen into a building cervice somowhere and was found when the structure was demolished and then dropped in a mailbox. The letter was from Pvt. Horace H. Prindle of Troy, Mich., who lay wounded in a Nashville, Tenra, hospital after the 1863 battle of Lookout Valley. It was dated Nov. 14, 1863.

The letter was addressed to a Miss Emline Maryin in nearby Birmingham, Mich., but it arrived at the American House senior citizens home in this Betroit suburb.

Teresa Collins, adminstrator of the home, said she had "absolutely no explanation" as to how the letter arrived. "We muce had a resident here whose last name was the same

as Emline's," she said, "but how some postmuster would The envelope hore additions of street addresses and the

name of the senior citizens home. The notations appeared to be from three separate sources but no one seems to know how they got there.

Alice Dallingen, chief of the Burton Historical Collection at the Detroit Public Library, authenticated the letter.

Mrs. Dallingen said other records show Pvt. Prindle was mustered out of the 22nd Michigan Infantry in 1864 in Detroit. "Friend Emline," Prindle began, "I now sit down to answer your kind letter, which was written Sept. 16, 1863, It came in due time, I was much pleased to hear from you and to hear

that you was well... Prindle compared the death rate in his hospital - six per day - to that in Detroit, which was suffering through an influenza epidemic, and told her of the war.

"You have all learned about the great battle of Chickamanga," he wrote. "We had a very large battle week ago today in the Lookout Valley. We drove the rebels some 6 miles and taken a thousand bushel of cern which helped our forces a good deal, and our forces have got both sides of the



MYSTERY LETTER: Teresa Collins, administrator of a Troy senior citizens home, holds letter mailed 110 years ago by Civil War soldier Pvt. Horace H. Prindle of Troy, who lay wounded in a Nashville, Tenn., hospital.

Lookout Valley was a turn-about from Chickamauga, where rebel Gen. Braxton Bragg's 70,000 troops defeated a force of 55.000 under Union Gen. William S. Rosecrans

Prindle wrote that the rebel camp could still be seen from the union position after Lookout Valley, and noted the Confederates still believed they could take Chattanooga.

...But I don't think they will," he wrote, "for I think that old Brag has bout bragged his last brag."
"Give my love to all," Prindle closed fondly, "and keep a

good share for yourself,"

SOUTH HAVEN - South Haven Lions club for the Blind in Rochester. will sponsor its 14th annual community smorgasbord Saturday, March 30 from 5:30-9:30 p.m. at Fidelman's Mai Kai, Phoenix road. The smorgasbord is the major fund raising event of the club with proceeds used to sup-

port local persons in need of glasses and other visual aids as well as state programs of the Lions including the Welcome Home for the Blind in Grand Rapids and Leader Dogs

Other local projects supported by the Lions include a student exchange program, financial backing of the South Haven high school choir for its upcoming trip to Vienna, Austria and a proposed local park project along the

General chairman of the event is Henry Green. Tickets are available from Lions members and will be sold at the door.

Vandals Ruin

tern Michigan Indians. Edward Oprinski said Boy